



Sanborn Map Abbreviations

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Abbreviation	Meaning	Abbreviation	Meaning
A	Automobile (usually designates the location of a garage)	HPFS	High pressure fire service
A in B	Automobile located in basement	H'dw	Hardware
A S	Automatic sprinkler	Hack	Hackney or delivery service
Abv	Above	Hardw	Hardware
ACS	Automatic chemical sprinkler	Ho	Hotel or house (as used to designate a warehouse)
AFA	Automatic fire alarm	H tr	Heater
Agr	Agricultural	Hyd	Hydrant
Appts	Apparatus	ICRR	Illinois Central Railroad
Apts	Apartments	Imp	Implements
Asb Cl	Asbestos clad	Ins	Insurance
Att'd	Attended	Insts	Instruments
Aud'it'm	Auditorium	Ir Cl	Iron clad
Auto Ho	Automobile house, or garage		
		K of C	Knights of Columbus
B	Basement, boiler or occasionally brick	Lab	Laboratory
B & S	Boots and shoes	Lodg'g	Lodging
BPOE	Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks	Luth	Lutheran
B Sm	Blacksmith	Luth'n	Lutheran
B'ld'g	Building		
B'lr.	Boiler	ME	Methodist Episcopal
B'st	Basement	Mach'y	Machinery
Bak'y	Bakery	Mak'r	Maker
Balc	Balcony	Man'f'y	Manufactory or factory
Bap	Baptist	Mdse	Merchandise
Bbl	Barrel	Mfy	Manufactory or factory
Bbls	Barrels	Mill'y	Millinery
BE	Brick enclosed elevator	Mkg	Making
Bill'ds	Billiards	Mo	Motor
Bl Sm	Blacksmith		
Blk Sm	Blacksmith	NS	Not sprinklered
Bst	Basement		
		OU	Open under
C B	Cement brick or concrete block construction	Off	Office
C Br	Concrete brick or cement block construction		
Cap'cy	Capacity	PO	Post office
Carp'tr	Carpenter	Paint'g	Painting
CBET	Concrete enclosed elevator with traps	Pat Med	Patent medicines
Chem	Chemical	Plumb'g	Plumbing
Chinaw	Chinaware or porcelain	Print'g	Printing
Chine	Chinese		
Cl	Clad	QH	Quadruple (fire) hydrant
Clo	Clothing		
Co	Company	RC	Roman Catholic
Comp	Composition construction (i.e. stucco) or compressor	R'f	Roof
Conc	Concrete	R'm	Room
Conf'y	Confectionary (candy store)	Rep	Repair
Confec'y	Confectionary (candy store)	Rep'g	Repairing
Constr'n	Construction	Repos'ry	Repository
Corp'n	Corporation	Rest'r't	Restaurant
		Rf	Roof
D	Dwelling	Rm	Room
DH	Double (fire) hydrant		
DG	Dry goods	S	Store
Drs	Doctor's office	SA	Spark arrestor
Dwg	Dwelling	S Vac	Store portion of building is vacant
		Sal	Saloon
E	Open elevator	Sky'ts	Skylights
E Fl	Each Floor	Sm	Smith, as in gunsmith or blacksmith
EI	Electric	Sm Ho	Smokehouse
Elec	Electrician	Sp'k'l'rs	Sprinklers
Eng	Engine	St'ge	Storage
Ent	Entertainment	St'y	Story
Episc'l	Episcopal	Sta	Station
ESC	Elevator with self-closing traps	Stat'y	Stationery
ET	Elevator with traps		
Exch	Telephone exchange	TH	Triple (fire) hydrant
Expr	Express (as used to designate a delivery service)	Tel	Telephone
		Tenem'ts	Tenements
F	Flat (as used to designate a delivery service)	TESC	Tile enclosed elevator with self-closing traps
FA	Fire alarm	Tinw	Tinware
FE	Fire escape	Trimm'g	Trimming
F Pump	Fire pump		
Fill'g Sta	Filling station, or gas station	U	Upright
Fl	Floor	Up	Upright
Fr Attic	Frame constructed attic	VP	Vertical pipe
Frat	Fraternity		
Fur	Furnishings	Vac	Vacant
Furn'g	Furnishings	Ven'd	Veneered
Furne	Furniture	Ven'r'd	Veneered
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic	W	Ware, as in warehouse or wareroom
GT	Gasoline tank	WC	Water closet or toilet
Gal	Gallery	WG	Wire glass skylights
Gall	Gallery	W Ho	Warehouse
Gall'y	Gallery	WPA	Works Progress Administration
Gen'l	General (as used to designate a general store)	W'ks	Works
Gents	Gentlemen's	Whol	Wholesale
Greas'g	Greasing	Wkg	Working
Gro	Grocery or groceries	Woodwkg	Woodworking

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